

Anderson Lake

CONSERVATION AREA



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The Area

In the early half of the 1900s, Anderson Lake was a private shooting grounds for one of the many once-famous duck clubs that dotted the Illinois River valley. Since the first land purchases by the state in 1947, the site has been operated as a public hunting and fishing area.

The 2,247-acre area is in west-central Illinois, about 11 miles north of Browning in Fulton County along Route 100.



Natural Features

Anderson Lake is a floodplain lake that frequently receives over-flow waters from the Illinois River. The lake has 1,134 surface acres with a maximum depth of six feet and an average depth of four feet. Carlson Lake is a waterfowl management area of 230 surface acres, with a maximum depth of five feet and an average depth of three feet. This area is drained in early summer, planted to feed duck and flooded in the fall to attract waterfowl to the area.

The area is a picturesque bottomland setting with timber species dominated by silver maple, cottonwood and willow. Plant growth is lush and the timber tends to be tall. A variety of waterfowl abounds in the area. For bird enthusiasts, large numbers of bald eagles can be seen in the winter months and white pelicans viewed during the spring on their migration north.

Facilities

Picnicking: The site has several picnic areas, with two shelters, tables and drinking water.

Camping: The campgrounds are on the west bank of the lake and provide for both tents and trailers. A sanitary dump station is also available.

Fishing: Crappie, bluegill, bullhead, bass and channel cat fishing is consistently good in early and late spring. Ice fishing for crappie and bluegill is also popular. The area provides boat docks and two



public boat ramps.

Hunting: Waterfowl populations consist chiefly of mallard and wood duck. The area provides blind sites for waterfowl hunting in the fall months. Upland game consisting of rabbit, quail and squirrel is also open to hunting. Dove hunting is available on agricultural fields that are planted in sunflowers and wheat if river levels permit. Deer may be taken by bow and arrow. Check with the site superintendent for specific times and dates.

Please: This area is for all to enjoy, so help keep it clean. Put all litter in trash containers. No flowers, plants, shrubs or trees may be removed or damaged. If you need help or have a questions, contact the site superintendent.

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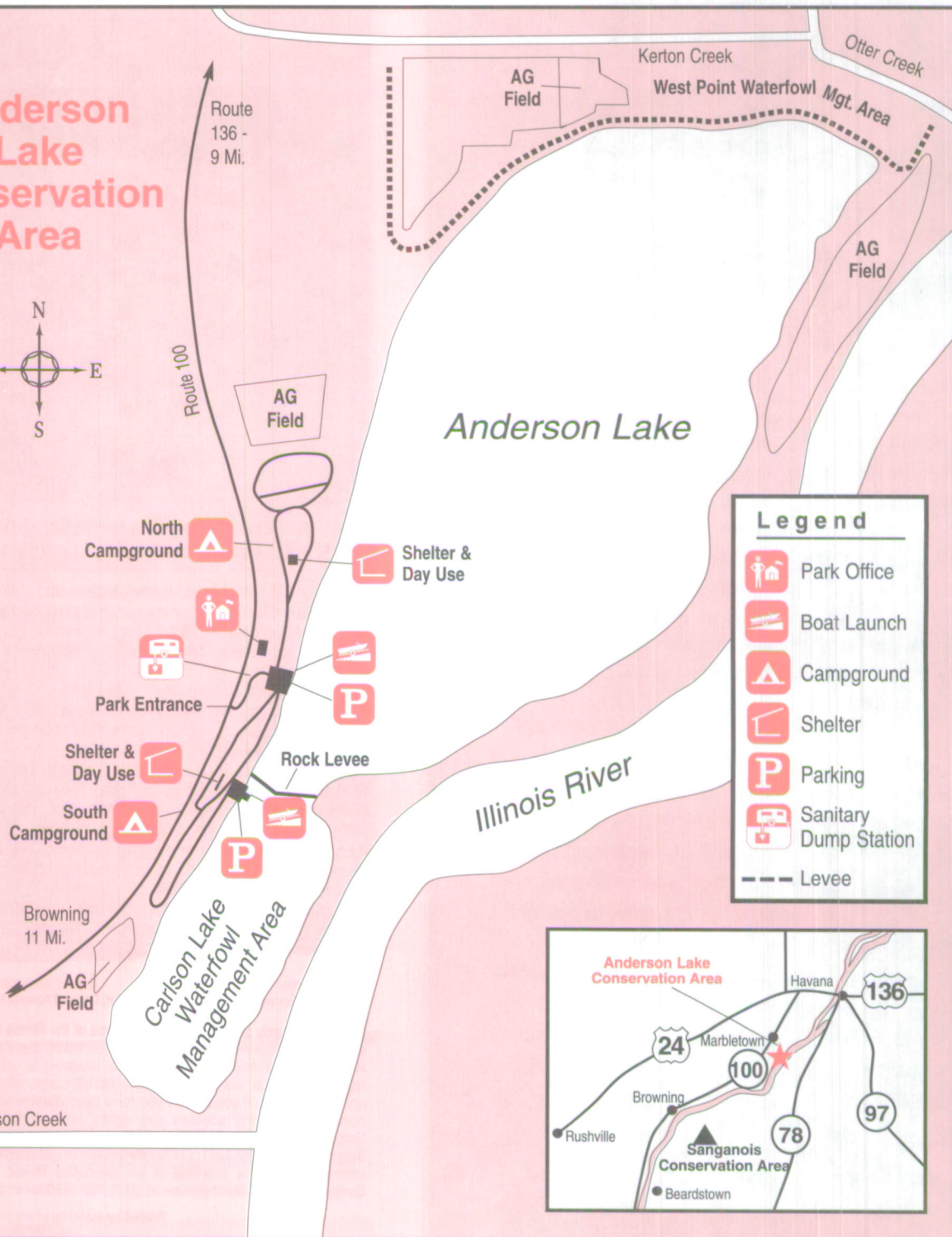
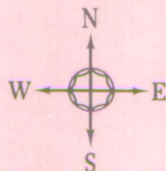


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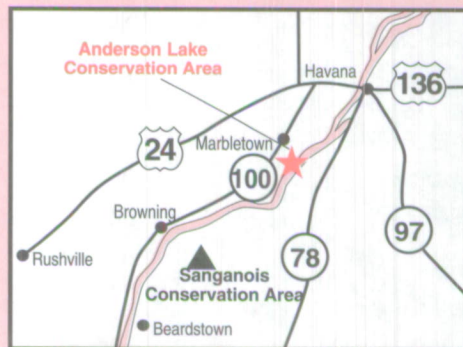
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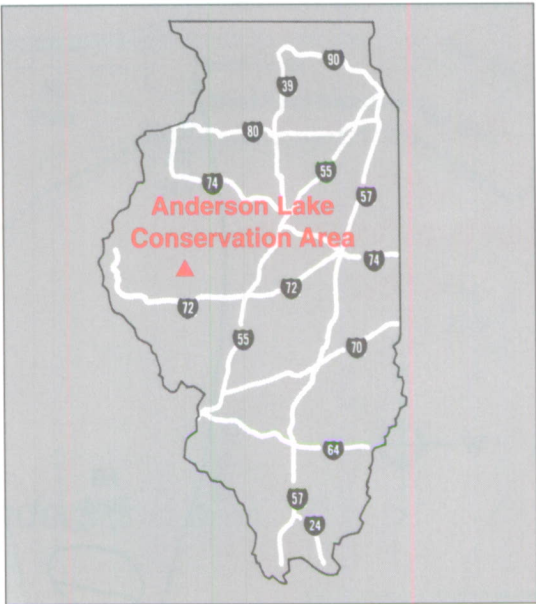
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Legend

- Park Office
- Boat Launch
- Campground
- Shelter
- Parking
- Sanitary Dump Station
- Levee





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R.R. 1, Astoria, IL 61501, (309) 759-4484

- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities.
- We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
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